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SUMMARY: WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE MONTH-LONG TACHAI CONFERENCE, THE TASKS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS HAVE BEEN SET. HUA KUO-FENG'S SUMMING-UP SPEECH DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO BACKWARD UNITS AND TO THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A REVOLUTIONIZED LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS. WHILE EXPLICITLY TYING THIS TO THE REGIME'S OVERALL GOALS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND STABILITY AND UNITY, HE INDICATES THAT PROGRESS REQUIRED THAT LEADERSHIP IN BACKWARD AREAS MUST BE SHAKEN UP. THE HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE'S FINAL SESSIONS INSURES THAT LEARNING FROM TACHAI WILL

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DEVELOP INTO A MAJOR CAMPAIGN IN THE NEXT FEW

MONTHS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE CHINESE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COMPLETION OCTOBER 19 OF THEIR MONTH-LONG CONFERENCE ON LEARNING FROM TACHAI, AND THE PUBLICATION OF POLITBURO MEMBER HUA KUO-FENG'S SUMMING-UP SPEECH OF OCTOBER 15, SHED CONSIDERABLE LIGHT ON THE REGIME'S TWO GOALS OF BUILDING TACHAI-TYPE COUNTIES AND ACHIEVING AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION IN FIVE YEARS (REFTEL 1).

2. IN HIS SPEECH, HUA DESCRIBES BUILDING TACHAI-TYPE COUNTIES AS A GREAT POLITICAL TASK IN WHICH LEADING BODIES WILL BE REVOLUTIONIZED, THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT WILL BE CONSOLIDATED, AND THROUGH WHICH CHINA WILL BUILD GREATER MIGHT WITH WHICH TO SMASH ANY ENEMY ATTACKS. AS IF TO SHOW THAT THE DEVELOPMENT MUST BE KEPT UNDER STRICT CONTROLS, HE NOTES THAT IT WILL ALSO ENABLE EVERY COUNTY TO ACHIEVE STABILITY AND UNITY.

3. HUA CITES THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS FOR A TACHAI-TYPE COUNTY:

--A UNITED LEADING CORE IN THE PARTY COMMITTEE,
--THE ASCENDANCY OF POOR AND LOWER-MIDDLE PEASANTS AS A CLASS,
--THE PARTICIPATION IN COLLECTIVE PRODUCTIVE LABOR OF CADRES AT COUNTY, COMMUNE, AND BRIGADE LEVELS,
--LARGE-SCALE FARMLAND CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION AND MECHANIZATION,
--THE EXPANSION OF THE COLLECTIVE ECONOMY, AND
--ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNE- AND BRIGADE-RUN ENTERPRISES). HE THUS REAFFIRMS THAT TACHAI IS AS MUCH A POLITICAL MODEL AS A PRODUCTION ONE.

4. HUA NOTES THAT EDUCATING THE PEASANTRY IS STILL A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM, AND THUS ECHOES EARLIER CAUTIONS THAT BOURGEOIS RIGHTS CAN AT PRESENT ONLY BE RESTRICTED. HE NOTES THAT 3-LEVEL OWNERSHIP IS "IN THE MAIN" STILL IN KEEPING WITH THE PRESENT STAGE OF PRODUCTION, BUT CALLS ATTENTION TO THE TREND OF STEP-BY-STEP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRANSITION TO BRIGADES OR EVEN COMMUNES AS THE BASIC ACCOUNTING UNIT "WHEN CONDITIONS ARE RIPE."

5. IN PASSAGES OMITTED FROM THE NCNA ENGLISH VERSION, HUA DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO THE QUESTION OF BACKWARD UNITS. IT IS NECESSARY TO SMASH THE ATTACKS OF CLASS ENEMIES, HE WARNS, AND TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE SMALL NUMBER OF COUNTY LEADERSHIP GROUPS WHICH HAVE

SERIOUS PROBLEMS. THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP. IN MOST CASES, THOUGHT REFORM WILL SUFFICE, BUT IN SOME UNITS ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES (I.E. PURGES) WILL BE NECESSARY. "REC-TIFICATIONS" SHOULD OCCUR ONCE A YEAR, EVEN IN ADVANCED UNITS. INTERESTINGLY, HUA MAKES NO MENTION OF THE "RELATIVE STABILITY" OF LOW-LEVEL CADRES ADVOCATED IN AN OCTOBER RED FLAG ARTICLE BY THE HSIYANG COUNTY PARTY COMMITTEE. THAT ARTICLE CRITICIZED SOME CADRES FOR HAVING USED "SIMPLE METHODS" TO DEAL WITH CAPITALIST TENDENCIES OR WEAK LEADERSHIP, THUS CREATING STILL MORE COMPLICATED PROBLEMS AMONG THE BRIGADES THEY WERE TRYING TO STRENGTHEN.

6. HUA'S COMMENTS ON ECONOMIC SUBJECTS EMPHASIZED A PRAGMATIC APPROACH BY REITERATING EARLIER COMMENTARY ON COLLECTIVE SIDELINE PRODUCTION AS A COURSE OF FUNDS FOR MECHANIZATION (REFTEL 2). A LONG OCTOBER 13 PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE IS MOST EXPLICIT IN POINTING OUT THAT COLLECTIVE PRODUCTION OF ALMOST ANY KIND IS APPROVED AS LONG AS THE PROCEEDS ARE USED FOR GENERAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND NOT FOR CONSUMPTION BY THE COLLECTIVE'S MEMBERS.

COMMENT: THE OCTOBER 15 PLENARY SESSION AT WHICH HUA KUO-FENG SPOKE WAS ATTENDED BY SOME 7000 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 16 POLITBURO MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES AND A LARGE NUMBER OF CABINET MINISTERS. ALSO PRESENT WERE NUMEROUS HIGH-RANKING PROVINCIAL PARTY DELEGATES, INCLUDING 16 PARTY FIRST SECRETARIES. FROM THIS TURNOUT IT IS CLEAR THAT THE LESSONS OF THE TACHAI CONFERENCE WILL BE GETTING TOP-LEVEL ATTENTION IN BOTH PEKING AND THE PROVINCES IN THE WEEKS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MONTHS AHEAD. AS OF NOW, WE CAN EXPECT MORE HARD WORK THAN REVOLUTION AS PROVINCES, COUNTIES AND COMMUNES ATTEMPT TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES TO ACCUMULATE CAPITAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRACTORS AND IRRIGATION PUMPS. HUA'S SPEECH INDICATES, HOWEVER, THAT IT MAY NOT BE ALL SMOOTH SAILING. THE OCTOBER 16 PEOPLE'S DAILY QUOTES HSIYANG COUNTY LEADERS AS SAYING THAT "THE REVOLUTIONIZATION OF OUR COUNTY PARTY COMMITTEE WAS NOT ACHIEVED PEACEFULLY." THE WARNING IS THERE FOR THOSE CADRES WHO HAVE NOT YET JOINED IN THE PURSUIT OF COLLECTIVE MODERNIZATION. CROSS

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